

## Environmental Justice: A Native American Perspective

**Date: September 19, 2012**

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**Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m. EDT**

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### **“Woman is the First Environment: Native American Perspectives on Environmental Reproductive Justice”**

**Katsi Cook – Director, Iewirokwas Midwifery Program of Running Strong for American Indian Youth**



Cook will talk about her work with women at Akwesasne, as well as with the Indigenous Peoples Working Group (IPWG). In particular, she will discuss a document that the group is about to submit to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC), as well as a [recent EHP paper](#) about the synthesizing of the concepts of environmental justice and reproductive justice in conducting environmental health research and policy work in indigenous communities.

### **“Community Based Superfund Research in Tribal Communities”**

**Elizabeth Hoover, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Brown University**



Hundreds of Native American communities across the United States are impacted by the presence of hazardous waste sites. The costs of these sites can include not only impacts to the local economy but impacts, as well, to tribal members' diets, social and cultural connections, and perceptions of their homeland. In addition, the already poor health statistics in Native American communities can be complicated further by exposure to contaminants, highlighting the importance of conducting environmental health research that includes community input. Based on the history of research and community response around a Superfund site adjacent to the Akwesasne Mohawk community, this presentation discusses the importance, benefits, and challenges of community members and scientists working together on research around hazardous waste sites.

### **Journal Article Cited:**

[Indigenous Peoples of North America: Environmental Exposures and Reproductive Justice.](#)

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